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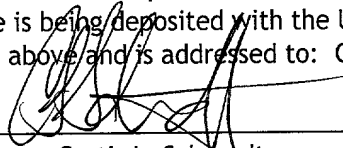
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application in the name(s) of:

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FOR: ENDOSCOPIC RETRACTOR INSTRUMENT AND ASSOCIATED METHOD

ENCLOSED ARE:

- (1) Specification (pages 1-15), Claims (pages 16-20 / 20 claims) & Abstract (Page 21);
- (2) (2) sheet(s) of Drawings (Figs.1 through 5);
- (3) Declaration and Power of Attorney; and
- (4) Assignment to Granit Medical Innovation, Inc.

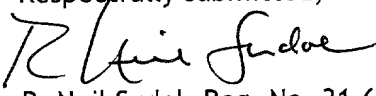
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	Claims Filed	Extra	SMALL ENTITY	or	LARGE ENTITY
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